Literary News and Criticism

ment House, in Ottawa. She betrays no United States in the countries of the socialism had its birth. Our individualmatic indiscretions; she deals almost ex- the meaning of our civilization. The the author, is in course of transforma- whole, but decidedly unnecessary. A his stories, and said: "You know, when clusively with the social, the woman's, author admits, in the last chapter of all, tion into a socialized democracy, "which widowed, scholarly recluse has educated Sherlock Holmes fell over that cliff he side of official life; but she is amazingly that on Washington society, that, after conceives of society as a whole and not his only child—a girl—according to a did not kill himself, but I think he must outspoken, for a diplomat's wife, where nearly a quarter of a century's absence as a more or less adventitious assemroyalty is concerned, and she has a abroad, she found herself a stranger in blage of myriads of individuals." And with original ideas on education are was never quite the same afterward." royalty is concerned, and she has a abroad, she found herself a strange of inglines of ing turning it into scandal. Most of what ever, but unable to place herself socishe has to tell has long been current in ally. The old order which she had left litical weapons of the people must be the world's eternal indebtedness to the social circles of Europe.

Vatican, between "white" and "black"
society, but the present Pope, she informs us, let it be known on his accession that he would not be displeased if the two met at the same houses, the new, more tolerant state of affairs thus created giving rise to the employment of luminous disquisition an "essay." He the adjective "gray" as an easy means has abundance of literary precedent for of social identification. It is in Rome, by the way, so the author affirms, that stance of his book, that may be briefly Americans are more sincerely welcome and more heartily liked than anywhere else in Europe. The present Queen of and analysis of the causes and aims of people only after a struggle. Her con- the "socialized democracy" in his text affections of her husband's family and stant fear is that King Victor Emmanuel The conclusion reached is that our somay share the fate of his father:

the romance of Prince you Buelow's elopement and ultimate wedding.

It is in its spirited descriptions of the of great service. splendor and extravagance, the charm and recklessness of Russian social life that the book is at its best. The author witnessed the coronation of the Emperor frankness that mighty ruler and his tall, beautiful, sad-faced consort. Much of the capitals of the world, but it will be burg. As the author saw the shadow of

It was at one of the state balls, brilliant and magnificent in its predigal display.

All the guests were gathered, standing in complete silence as the doors were thrown open for the entrance of the soverthrown open for the entrance of the sources. A facsimile of this letter is also given.

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Unlike her daughter-in-law, the Dowager Empress of Russia diplomatically the one power always to be reckoned with the shrewdest political intriguers; she sees everything, she knows everything," and she has controlled her son, the Emperor, since his infancy. The picture of the life of well born, cultured Russia drawn by the sure that the controlled her son, the Emperor, since his infancy. The picture of the life of well born, cultured Russia drawn by the sure that the controlled her son, the Emperor, since his infancy. The picture of the life of well born, cultured Russia drawn by the sure that the sarrifice a large measure of immediate material substratum might be provided upon which eventually a fuller, deeper, and the sarrifice a large measure of immediate material substratum might be provided upon which eventually a fuller, deeper, and the sarrifice a large measure of immediate material substratum might be provided upon which eventually a fuller, deeper, and the sarrifice a large measure of immediate material substratum might be provided upon which eventually a fuller, deeper, and the sarrifice a large measure of immediate material substratum might be provided upon which eventually a fuller, deeper, and the sarrifice a large measure of immediate material substratum might be provided upon which eventually a fuller, deeper, and the sarrifice and the sarrific Russia drawn by the author is a capital plece of work. She does not enter into abstruse psychological analysis, but makes the facts and conditions of that life tell their own story-and it is largely a story of temperament.

The Berlin social life she describes is, reign of William I, when simplicity reigned, and the court circle was made up chiefly of retired officers and their wives. The author is of two opinions, attempting to be impartial, but, on the whole, she remains decidedly unsympathetic. One wonders, moreover, about the measure of her knowledge of German society, when she informs us in all seriousness that "young army officers, whose cheeks are scarred with wounds from many duels, talk Wagner and Schopenhauer with serious appreciation, bare and incomplete outline of the argumidst of the waltz, 'You are as beautiful as a dachshund.' It is their supreme compliment!" This absurd statement almost suffices to raise serious doubt as to the book's authorship and origin in the minds of travelled readers. It is to Berlin, furthermore, that the author wrongly credits the origin of the anecdote of the Our plutocracy, then, says Mr. Weyl, Redruth purchased it. By some means loitering at night in the zoölogical gardens, and who, on being ordered to "go

So much has been written in praise of fcotnote,

The Social Side of Diplomatic became so absorbed in discussing the queen to the France of 1789 by way of illustration of Boer government that I found mytel, to my amazement, listening to an oration of three-quarters of an holic the American working to the American working the state of the Social Side of Diplomatic became so absorbed in discussing the queen that the france of 1789 by way of illustration. Wr. Weyl sensibly adds elsewhere that on the contrary the wellbeing of the contrary the well the contrary the wellbeing of the contrary the contrary the contrary t

She enthusiastically praises the French upon European royalty is also extended The movement, thus he concludes, is not ing her only guide. Her knowledge of and, what is more curious as a coinciupper middle class, the men who govern by her to her countrywomen abroad, one of an impoverished people doomed the modern world and of modern men the country who do things who do the country who do things who do the country who do the countr the country, who do things, who "to the An amusing, gossipy volume, this, to be to grow progressively poorer, but, on the and women is nil. Hence she becomes true American are the most interesting read rather for the entertainment it so contrary, it proceeds from a population the easy victim of the man whom her Sir Walter's Pirate. true American are the most interesting to the check that the the check that the c

It would be futile to quarrel with Mr. Weyl for calling his exhaustive and vothis use of the word. As for the subdescribed as a history of democracy in the United States leading to a statement "new democracy" in his title, and often cial and economic unrest is not to lead The King shares this fear, and since he was a young boy he has instructed the men in his suite to keep close behind, saying: "If I must be stabbed, don't let it be in the back."

to a war of classes, but to a "national readjustment." The work gathers together and co-ordinates practically all the insurgencies, revolts and protests. The author was a great admirer of the "muck-raking," disclosures, reme-Crispi, and tells the story of his belated dies, facts and theories that have been marriage and of his wife's peculiar position in official society. She also, relates during the last decade and more. As a of the whole case the book is therefore

Much of what the author has to say is of necessity not new. His very point of departure is familiar enough by now, the fact, namely, that the founders of the Republic, far from trusting the lifetime"-and discusses with the utmost ciently to invent a series of checks upon to carry on this system of controls from what is told here, as well as elsewhere the House elected by a restricted sufin the book, has long been familiar in frage to the Senate, from the Senate to news to many to learn that several atpress's life. She, whose standards of conduct are as strict as those of her conduct are as those of her conduct are as the cond grandmother. Queen Victoria, herself, is He calls the democracy of the Revolu- of these twenty-two addresses, Mr. cording to the quaint family book to not liked by the pleasure-loving, gay, tion a "shadow democracy," but it may Choate reprints the letter of introducthe assassin in Rome, so she came upon time and generation a "new democracy" to New York to seek his fortune, and to it turns into a curious delusion as to the that which he advocates in his pages ginnings of his success. A facsimile of country has yet had time to develop fam-

conquest of the continent.

accepted the lax views and ways of Russian society. She did not adopt them; she simply pretended not to see them. Since the death of her masterful husband, whom the world is but tardily beard, whom the world is but tardily beard in the scarce for the wealth which was its employed above the subjugation of Russia's ginning to recognize as one of Russia's ablest rulers, she has, moreover, become at the scarce of Russia's ablest rulers, she has, moreover, become at the scarce of the epoch.

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of reckless waste, of disregard of the there are, besides Mr. Choate, Mr. Whitetween 1869 and 1901, "the pioneer ceased pulpit, public life and the press. He "now wished to do collectively what menus of the dinners given to the club's he no longer could do by his individual distinguished guests. To these a nummight," but the "interests" had gradually ber of portraits have been added. made the state powerless by means of ment which leads the author to his dis-

American plutocracy. What follows is chiefly a recapitulation of the numerous charges that have so aimost invisible and the hair stuffing often been made, but they are recapitu-lated with amazing vim and conviction. The old chair was considered almost worthless until a lady who halls from seeks indirect but complete control of the fame of the chair began to spread, our polities, business and finance, of our and the purchaser, we are told-wisely press, universities and pulpits-it aims pose. We have, affirms the author in a

found themselves on a certain summer day of 1789 face to face with an awakened

INTIMACIES OF COURT AND SOCIETY.

An Unconventional Narrative of Unofficial Days. By the Widow of an American Diplomat. Profusely illustrated, 8vo, pp. x, 38. Dodd, Mead & Co.

This is one of the most entertaining books of its class yet published in this country. The author, we are informed, spent twenty years of her life in Europe.

Self, to my amazement, listening to an orality of an lour. He turned his back upon me, striding over to a long mirror, to deliver it to his own reflection there, with numerous gestures and facial contortions, wheeling around at the finish to say: "It just occurred to me what a capital spect that would make in the finish to say: "It just occurred to me what a capital spect that would make in the finish to say: "It just occurred to me what a capital spect that would make in the finish to say: "It just occurred to me what a capital spect that would make in the finish to say: "It just occurred to me what a capital spect that would make in the finish to say: "It just occurred to me what a capital spect that would make in the finish to say: "It just occurred to me what a capital spect that would make in the finish to say: "It just occurred to me what a capital spect that would make in the finish to say: "It just occurred to me what a capital spect that would make in the finish to say: "It just occurred to me what a capital spect that would make in the finish to say: "It just occurred to me what a capital spect that would make in the finish to say: "It just occurred to me what a capital spect that would make in the finish to say: "It just occurred to me what a capital spect that would make in the finish to say: "It just occurred to me what a capital spect that would make in the finish to say: "It just occurred to me the finish to say: "It just occurred to me the finish to say: "It just occurred to me the finish to say: "It just occurred to me the finish to say: "It just occurred to me the finish to say: "It just occurred to me the finish to say: "It just occurred to me the finish to say "

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tical and intellectual development and out four material and moral accumulations, of utilizing, even while reforming and remonstituting, our economic and legal mahinery. It is a movement dependent upon large social surplus; a movement which rows in vigor, loses in bitterness, and therwise takes its character from the rowing fund of our national wealth, which ives it its motive and impetus. Finally, its a movement which in the very course I its faintiment develops broad and ever roadening industrial, political and social rogrammes, which aim at the ultimate secretaryance of its results. ogrammes, which aim aintenance of its results.

AMERICAN ORATORY

Contemporaries.

e. The Century Company.

ER DINNER SPEECHES AT THE
OTOS CLUB. Arranged by John Elerkin. Chester S. Lord, Charles W.
rice. Hustrated. 8vo., pp. xvi. 483.

ew York: Printed for the Lotos Club.

bilitles: several of his addresses on the

A NAPOLEON CHAIR.

A Paris contemporary gives an intercussion of what he calls the "common objective to unite the new democracy"— cently been sold in South Africa for 30 shillings. In the days of its prime the or unwisely it remains to be seen-re-fused an offer for its purchase for 3.000

It seems that the gilded chair referred to above was, in the first instance, pur-chased by the British government, and London society that what the author has to say c. it is, at bottom, but repetition of what has been said before, however entertaining the way in which she states it. The London she remembers is that of Edward VII, but she refers possim to the changes already brought about by his successor's consort. Mr. Winston Churchill she met ten years ago.

Ehertly after his return from South Africa he offered to show me his interest.

FICTION

English.

spent twenty years of her life in Europe A chapter on "American Money in lesson from the mutations which so worthy of the delicate, decadent psycholduring her husband's connection with European Society," which begins with cialism has undergone in Germany since ogy of the French short story writers of our diplomatic service as attaché, minthe admission that not American culture it turned from radical theories and a decade or two ago. Indeed, this book Club, in London, Sir Arthur Conan ister or ambassador in Paris, Rome, St. or social graces, but American wealth. static Utopian ideal to responsible, prac- contains the germ of an impressively Doyle, who acted as chairman, told an Petersburg, Berlin and London. She was the opening wedge, ends with the tical service of the people as one of the powerful short story, with an element of closes the record of her wanderings in statement that the "invasion" has ended great political parties of the empire. Poe-like horror in the end. The author the course of a recent visit to Cornwall. pleasant places with an account of her In the gradual and ever-increasing es- "Nothing is eaten so hot as it is cooked," has chosen, however, to turn it into a A boatman took him out for a row, and altogether unofficial season at Govern- tablishment of the prestige of the says a proverb of the country where rather long novel, whose beginning and he found him fairly well read in consecrets of state, she commits no diplo- Old World, and in their recognition of jstic democracy of the past, continues irrelevant middle, interesting on the knowing Sir Arthur, began discussing mothers. To return to the half-orphan, this spring two new lives of George Bor-After an introductory chapter on "the unchanged, had disappeared, and the Mr. Weyl does not blink the complexity however. When her father dies she row, two studies of Caesar Borgia and service" the author takes up Paris, with new one disappointed her, both at the of the problem as he sees it, the conflicts of interests, or the far more nu- edge of the Greek tragedles and of American Miss Mary Caroline Craw-Elysées and the Faubourg St. Germain.

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The author frankly prefers the entertaining younger set of the Faubourg to the solemnity and pomp of the Presidential palace.

In Rome she found a similar state of affairs, the division between Quirinal and Vatican, between "white" and "black"

Dower and solidarity:

We are awakening to the fact that this movement, because of the heterogeneous who further it, is tentative, conclinatory, compromising, evolution are traditions, proceeding with a minimum of frietion through a series of partial victories; that the movement is influenced and of frietion through a series of partial victories; that the movement is influenced and to or frietion through a series of partial victories; that the novement is influenced and to or frietion through a series of partial victories; that the novement is influenced and to or frietion through a series of partial victories; that the novement is influenced and to or frietion through a series of partial victories; that the novement is influenced and to or frietion through a series of partial victories; that the novement is influenced and to or frietion through a series of partial victories; that the novement is influenced and a surface of the fact that this meaning of her rule is made plain to her in Paris, when the man she loves deserts the firm Paris, when the man she loves deserts in Paris, when the man she loves deserts the for another. Alone and penniless, the girl a seeks to support herself as an active of the feat that this meaning of her rule is made plain to her in Paris, when the man she loves deserts in Paris, when the man she loves deserts the firm Paris, when the man she loves deserts in Egypt that she discovers Sekhet. The meaning of her rule is made plain to her in Paris, when the man she loves deserts in Paris and is the work of Mr. Alan Fea. Sir Walter Scott's pirate, is announced in E bid interest.

A "QUEER" RACE.

truly and widely representative collec- difference, however, that in her case the Chink in the Armour," by Mrs. Belloc tion of the best of contemporary Ameri- mental inheritance is broken at last, as Lowndes: "A Knight in Denim," by can oratory than is to be found in these was foreseen by the great alienist who Ramsey Benson; "Consul Assigned," by she has not written a learned treatise in Mr. Choate's speeches cover practi- the guise of fiction. She has foregone all A Scientist at Play. cally the forty-seven years of his promi- the advantages that gloom and mystery, not arranged chronologically, the first and dangers unthinkable might have ten a book of humorous rhymes for chilplaced third in the volume, the position inherited the tradition of the "queerof honor being appropriately given, no ness" of the Javelins as part of the histhe Presidency, and thence to the Su- aress at the unveiling of French's statue The first manifestation of the taint is a to the old as well as the young. of his kinsman, Rufus Choate, at Bos- passive hostility toward the wife, a total ton, in 1898. In his preface, which deals exclusion of her by the husband from all be pointed out to him that this democ- tion to Mr. Evarts which his famous the key, they have never run to violence. racy of 1776 was none the less in its own relative gave him in 1855, when he came In the case of the last bearer of the taint indeed-as new and radical, indeed, as which he has always ascribed the be- shape of the world. It is doubtful if this

The diplomatist of fiction has a pre-American bar, most important among dilection for getting into scrapes and these being that on "Trial by Jury," law-breaking adventures that in real Edward Mims's "Sidney Lanier" have and his eulogy of the late James C. life he would evade as he would the been added to the well known American distic state. The nation was compelled to names of the speakers being practically joins and forwards the plot of a Russielle evolution. It was compelled to with, in addition, the names of many dis- her sister from prison. The sister, it tinguished foreigners, like M. Jusserand, appears, had killed a Russian governprovided deeper, the Marquis Wu Ting-fang, Baron ment official in Geneva—a reprehensible ared, It Kogoro Takahira, Lord Morley, Forbes abuse, by the way, of the political hospiticity. companying two of the three fugitives processes in living substance." along the exceedingly rough paths of The Dictionary of National Biographythat there is a happy ending, even though its consummation requires still another assassination in far-off Siberia. WESTERN ROMANCE.

WALLY. A Story of the West. By Guy Steely. Frontispicce by W. W. Faw-cett. 12mo, pp. 372. Dodd, Mead & Co. This is a story of the days when Italy in English Poetry.

claims could no longer be jumped with a brace of pistols, the law having been stablished, and having brought with it the safer method of imperfect titles. Thus it is that a crafty manipulator, having located the lost claim of a dead on home" by a policeman, pathetically answered: "Go home? I can't go home. I am the American Ambussador." As a matter of fact, Mr. ciency, now it would organize our social fact that the chair was intended for the lates of the be done, the injustice of the letter of the law repaired by legal means. And who A Guide to Shakespeare.

has more faith in a rope strung over a is said to be more extensive than any telegraph pole than in a roomful of law- other select glossary of similar scope. Still, having made this reference to Current Minor Fiction, Chiefly yers. The author does not aim at a historic picture of the later West that, Reminiscences. in its turn, is rapidly disappearing. Time and place, local color and characters have been chosen chiefly for the sake of 26th of last month, is busily engaged on the picturesqueness of the romance. They serve their purpose well.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Current Talk of Things Present and to Come.

At a recent dinner of the Authors'

English publishers announce for issue

guardian. It is while travelling with him of Sir Walter Scott's pirate, is announced cruelty, is picked up again to lead to a and was executed in June, 1725. His ghastly tragedy. The book has a mor- career engaged the attention of both Defoe and Scott. Defoe's account of the pirate was published in 1725. Only one More Dramatization. copy is known to exist-that in the Brit-THE SHAPE OF THE WORLD. By Evelyn st. Leger, 12mo, pp. 301. G, P. Putnam's

Scribner Books.

Considering its subject-hereditary in- The Messrs. Scribner will issue in the sanity-this is an unexpectedly cheerful course of the present month "Why story on the whole. It tells the lives of Should We Change Our Form of Govtwo generations, of father and son, of an ernment?" a series of essays on practical Italy, it appears, has won her way to the wide-awake, modern daughter-in-law, Butler of Columbia University; a volume to the "Mediæval Town Series," pubwho, having ascertained the facts, de- of August Strindberg's plays translated lished in this country by E. P. Dutton AMERICAN ADDRESSES. By Joseph H. Cides to run the risk of the "eccentricity" by Edwin Bjorkman; "The Inn of TranChoate. With portrait. Svo., pp. xix,
390. The Century Company.

Turies has manifested traff of the lacts, deof August Strindberg's plays translated lished & Co.

A Sign life, thus allowing the race to survive Women," by Belle Beach; a "Butterfly from generation to generation. The and Moth Book," by Ellen Robertsonmodern woman stands by her bargain Miller, and the following fiction: "Fathlike the old-fashioned one, with this ers of Men," by E. W. Hornung: "The was call-d in for both father and son. Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews; "It printed "Speeches at the Lotos Club," There is no display of psychopathology, and Other Stories," by Gouverneur Moris, moreover, an exceptionally fine piece pseudo or real. The author tells a story; ris, and "Wide Courses," by James B.

President David Starr Jordan of Lenence as a public speaker. They are a mediaval atmosphere of remoteness land Stanford Junior University has writof his addresses in matter of time given given to her narrative. It is all of to- dren and illustrated it with his own here—that at the opening of the Metro- day, ultra-modern, in the open, perfectly colored drawings. "Eric's Book of the Dickens commemorative stamps. politan Sanitary Fair in 1864-being well known to the neighbors, who have Beasts' will bear the imprint of Paul Through the sale of these it is hoped that Elder & Co., of San Francisco, who express the opinion that the fun and satire noubt by Mr. Choite himself, to his ad- tory of their corner of the kingdom. of Dr. Jordan's lighter mood will appeal Geneva. There are wide possibilities in a novel

announced by the Century Company, "The Woman from Wolverton," by Isabel Gordon Curtis, which is a story of Washington life as seen through the eyes of a newly elected Congressman's wife. Our fiction dealing with official and social affairs at the national capital is rather poor in works of real importance. Mark Twain has dealt with it in "The Gilded Age," in collaboration with Charles Dudley Warner; Mrs. Burnett has given us "Through One Administration"; Mrs. Atherton's "Senator North" may be mentioned here, and last, but not least, there is the anonymous "Democracy," published some thirty years ago.

American Men of Letters.

Bliss Perry's "Walt Whitman." Ferris Greenslet's "James Russell Lowell" and plague, success in his career depending Men of Letters series published by the

Somewhat of a novelty in the crowded field of books of travel and description will be "Andorra, the Hidden Republic," by Lewis Gaston Leary, the author of "The Real Palestine of To-day," which McBride, Nast & Co. announce.

Robertson, Laurence Irving and many tality of the little republic. It is autumn; Frederick Czapek, professor of plant It was the West, thus the author pro- others. The voice of David B. Hill seems the tourist season is over; the hotels are physiology in the University of Prague. ceeds—the West, with its apparently in- to be most remote from us of the pres- empty; a woman employe in the prison has written a little book on his specialty exhaustible resources, and the direction ent day; that of Mark Twain still almost has been bribed-all is propitious. The which is one of the late additions to and impetus and opportunity it offered a living one among us. Mr. Simeon young diplomatist, a modern knight- "Harper's Library of Living Thought." to American individualism that have Ford deliberately ceased from entertain- errant, manages it all, and, the woman The volume is called "Chemical Phenomshaped the history of our country, the ing us after dinner some time ago; Gov- once rescued, starts with her and her ena in Life," and its author endeavors to character of our people and the social, error Wilson and colonel Harvey are political and economic conditions that separated in these pages by Andrew V. confront us to-day, including that spirit V. Raymond. Of American diplomats, tain paths. There is pursuit, of course; dispersion of detection and arrest forces before our days their solution. in part, that of the closing days of the political and economic conditions that separated in these pages by Andrew V. for the frontier by unfrequented moun-chemically. "Modern science," he says. danger of detection and arrest faces lofty that before our days their solution morrow whose results have begun to law Reid and Mr. 'Charlemagne Tower, them everywhere; the romance and the could never have been dreamed of"; but confront us as one of our problems. The poets are many in the list, and army adventure are not without their comedy he admits that "the striking feature of When the last frontier was reached, be- and navy are well represented, as are of narrow escapes from minions of the the present state of biological knowllaw long familiar to musical comedy. It edge is that nothing that we discover to ignore the state, and turned to it for An interesting adornment of the volprotection" against the "big interests." ume are the facsimiles in halftone of the almost convincingly, growing love ac-

A new supplement to the "Dictionary of National Biography" will be published

this spring. The first supplement, issued in 1901, completed the record up to the death of Queen Victoria; the new one will include memoirs of all persons of sufficient note who died between January 22, 1901, and the end of 1911. A Literary Association has been

founded in Rome, the meetings of which will be held in the Keats-Shelley Memorial house in the Piazza di Spagna. for the purpose of studying "those poets who owe their inspiration to Italy and rospector, makes himself its owner for Rome." Mr. Oscar Browning, who recently celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday, is to lecture there, his subject being "Personal Recollections of the

brated her eighty-eighth birthday on the a new nevel of French life. She began writing stories and verse at the age of twelve, and met Charles Dickens at her first balk when she was sixteen. She remembers him as dancing with an abstracted air, seemingly more intent on studying the people than on attending to his partner. Mrs. Macquoid has some sixty books of fiction to her credit, but it was the publication of "Patty," the story of a sprightly, wayward young girl. that established her fame, and brought her friendly appreciative letters from Lord, then Mr. John, Morley and Sir Arthur Helps. Among her friends was George Henry Lewes, who afterward intreduced her to his wife. They met at a private view in Millais' studio, in 1875, says "The London Graphic," and after a little conversation George Eliot arew (Edward J. Clode.) Mrs. Macquoid aside to look at a rural landscape. "Were you born in the country?" she asked, and on Mrs. Macquoid replying that she was not, George Eliot said, with a soft, weary look in her face, "I was: and this picture is perfect; it brings the memory of the country back, and I feel like a child again."

Thomas Campbell.

A correspondent of the "Scotsman" recently requested it to confirm or refute a story that an early number of the confirm or refute Lonesome Land. By B. M. Bower, With illustrations by Stanley L. Wood. 12mo, pp. vl. 322. (Boston: Little, Brown & Co.) "Greenock Advertiser" contained the following item among its "Notices to Correspondents":

"T. C .- Your verses beginning 'On Linden when the sun was low' are hardly up to our standard. Poetry is evidently not your forte.'

Professor Ferrero's Translator. The excellent English translation of

Professor Guglielmo Ferrero's "The Women of the Cæsars" was made by Christian Gauss, professor of modern languages at Princeton University. A second edition of the work has been called for.

Zane Grey's new novel, "Riders of the Purple Sage," is to be turned into a play. The story certainly contains all the elements of a strong, gripping melodrama of the West.

"Mediæval Towns." Volumes on Canterbury, Lucca, Santi-

ago and Jerusalem will shortly be added A Sign of Spring.

"The Battle of Baseball," by C. H.

Claudy, announced for publication next spring by the Century Company, will, according to the publishers, deal not only with the great principles of our national game, but also with the fine points of up-to-date "inside" baseball. The book will be abundantly illustrated. Rousseau's Bicentenary. On June 12 next will fall the second

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Announcement is made that the executors of the late Henry Labouchere have intrusted the writing of his biography to his nephew, Mr. Agar Thorold, well known as a contributor to "The Edinburgh Review" and the author of several books.

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